

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS UTILIZING AN ALTERNATIVE SPLICE VARIANT OF THE SIGMA-1 RECEPTOR

Abstract

5 A new variant of the sigma-1 (σ_1)receptor is useful in screening compounds useful in the imaging and treatment of proliferative masses (*i.e.*, tumors). This new variant, named sigma- 1β ($\sigma_{1\beta}$) finds particular use in the non-invasive diagnosis of cancer and more particularly in the diagnosis of proliferative cancer cells.

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